

## RAILROAD NEWS.

Rock Island to Spend a Half Million in Kansas.

Will Improve Roadbed of Line From Topeka to Horton.

RAILS AND BALLAST.

Will Be Entirely Renewed on This Fifty Mile Stretch.

Other Items of Interest in Railway Circles.

Horton, Kan., July 12.—Few people outside those actually engaged in the railroad business realize how much money it costs to build, keep in repair and operate a railroad. The outsiders read an item that a railroad is valued at so many thousand dollars a mile and it seems absurd—it seems that a couple of strips of iron nailed onto wood cross-pieces could be put down and kept on the ground for at least \$1,000 a mile, maybe a whole lot less. So the announcement that the Rock Island railroad is now putting in new steel on the Kansas division between Horton and Topeka created no stir and hardly any comment, except from railroad men themselves.

It round numbers it is 50 miles from Horton to Topeka, over an ordinarily level country. New steel rails sound well, and the outsider if he considers the matter at all, probably thinks the railroad may have to spend several thousand dollars to put them down on this 50-mile stretch of track. If the outsider was to make a guess how near to the actual cost of this work do you suppose he would come? Not within a mile of it. It will cost the Rock Island about \$500,000 to put down the new steel between here and Topeka, pick up the old stuff, rebalast and leave the track in first-class shape. That isn't much—only \$10,000 a mile—just what the outsider was to make a guess how near to the actual cost of this work do you suppose he would come? Not within a mile of it.

The new steel now coming into Horton and being unloaded at the yard, by Roadmaster J. D. Sullivan and his men is what is known as re-rolled 80-pound rails. The rails were laid on the Illinois division two or three years ago and at that time were new 80-pound steel. They were later taken up, sent to the mill, the ends cut off and re-rolled. They are now the same as new rails, except that they weigh only 75 pounds to the yard. A gang of 65 to 80 trackmen will be gathered here and started to work laying steel about July 15. It will take them six to eight weeks to put in the steel between here and Topeka.

The tracklayers will be followed by gangs that will pick up the old steel, spikes, etc., and load it on cars. The old rails will go into switch tracks and yards at various points, while a lot of the spikes and other stuff will go into the scrap pile. Following this gang will probably come the ballast men, who will level up the roadbed, put in new ballast and new ties where needed. In the neighborhood of 300 men will be working on the 50-mile stretch of track between Horton and Topeka and most of them will be kept at work until snow flies. Does that sound like a big job? It surely must, and it seems that the dinner pail is a full one once more. The cheapest laborers in the gangs will be paid about \$10 a day. There will be some Mexicans in the gangs, but white laborers can also get work by applying for it and they will have bunk cars of their own for the trip, as well as dining cars for their own use.

It takes 148 tons of this steel per mile for a single track, and the 500 tons for the double track. The 148 tons of steel in the rails alone, not counting the angle bars, tie plates, bolts, nuts, nut locks, spikes, etc. This little stuff may not be considered a very big item, but the cost of spikes alone runs \$40 to the mile and the other material in proportion. Here's something else the man outside the gates won't think of. When the spike is pulled from the tie to take up the old rail a hole is left in the tie. Should the hole remain as it is, it would fill with water when the rain came and in time the tie would rot. Good ties nowadays cost a railroad \$1 or more apiece and so to protect the tie, a wooden plug has to be driven into each old spike hole, like filling the cavity in a decayed tooth. When the tie is properly plugged up it will last as long as before.

When it comes to rebalasting, there is another big job. The Rock Island is now burning gumbo for ballast between St. Joseph and Kansas. This gumbo is baked like brick and when broken up cooling it is broken up into fragments and makes ballast as good as crushed rock. It will cost the Rock Island \$100,000 to ballast and make the fills necessary between here and Topeka. For one thing, it is estimated that 250,000 yards of earth are necessary to bring low spots up to the proper level. Many new ties will have to be put in, and as there are 3,000 ties to the mile, or 150,000 from here to Topeka, it will be seen that ties alone will be no small expense, should even a small per cent of them have to be taken out.

IS DENIED IN CHANUTE.

Little Credence Given to Monster Electric Railway System.

Chanute, Kan., July 12.—Someone has sprung a story that Kansas is to be crisscrossed by a big electric railway system, and that the company which is to construct a city system here has been asked to sell its rights to the new concern.

S. W. Brewster, who is a director of the Kansas City & Kansas Southwest-

ern Electric Railway company, which was formed to build from Kansas City to Topeka and to Independence, by way of Chanute, says that company has received no such offer, to his knowledge, and that neither has the Chanute Electric Railway company formed to place a city system here.

The information was contained in a telegram sent out from Manhattan, which stated:

"Through a representative of a large eastern electric supply house, who is spending his vacation at his home in this city, it was learned today that a New York interurban company, backed by ample Kansas City capital, is projecting a big electric railway scheme for northeastern and central Kansas. The work of developing this enterprise is already well advanced. The company not only has engineers on the route, but is figuring on materials for the line."

"According to best advice the line is to extend from Kansas City westward, taking in Topeka, Manhattan, Junction City, Salina, Hutchinson, Wichita, Winfield, Arkansas City, Wellington, thence touching at several of the towns in the oil and gas district, and from there completing the loop back to Kansas City. The total distance would be about 300 miles. A schedule has been proposed providing service every hour."

The company has negotiations on to absorb several smaller local companies along its route, such as the local city system of this city, the Junction City-Riley line, and the line connecting Arkansas City and Winfield. A company which proposes to install a system at Chanute has received an offer for its rights."

A RAILROAD FOR SALE.

Judge Orders Auction of Great Western for \$12,000,000 or Over.

St. Paul, July 12.—Federal Judge Sanborn has issued a final decree authorizing the special master in chancery to sell at public auction the properties of the Chicago Great Western Railway company, which has been in the hands of receivers since January, 1908. The lowest bid accepted will be \$12,000,000.

INCREASE WORKING TIME.

Six Days Instead of Four on New York, New Haven & Hartford.

New Haven, Conn., July 12.—Beginning this week the men in the mechanical department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad will be given six days work weekly instead of four days.

NEW HAY ON THE MARKET.

This Year's Crop Is Said to Be of Unusually Good Quality.

Wichita, Kan., July 12.—Large shipments of new hay have begun to arrive in Wichita. Dealers here say the quality of this year's crop is far better than that of last year and that the price will be about the same.

The crop is in an unusually good condition and is being harvested and sent in as fast as laborers can be secured to cut, bale and haul the crop to market. The general rule here is that the hay crop will be a slight delay in the cutting of the hay crop that ties controlled by the local firms.

The crop in western Butler county, which is now reaching this market, is exceptionally fine.

Fine Corn Prospects in Ford County.

Dodge City, Kan., July 12.—The late June and early July rains have made the finest fields of corn ever seen in the county, and a few more rains at the proper time will insure 1,000,000 bushels of corn. The harvest is not half over yet, and the farmers are not calling for rain just now, but the showers are making money in the corn fields, and so far have not interfered seriously with the harvest.

KANSAS WOMAN KILLS HERSELF.

Mrs. C. H. Tucker Had Attempted Suicide Many Times Before.

Parsons, Kan., July 12.—Mrs. Chas. H. Tucker, wife of an ex-candidate for rector of deeds and a widely known Democratic politician of this county, committed suicide on her husband's farm, two miles south of Parsons, by drowning herself in a well.

Mrs. Tucker had been suffering from melancholia and had made several previous attempts on her life. About two months ago she shot herself and took poison, but recovered, and, since then, has made three attempts on her life before this time. She sent her husband on an errand in order to end her life.

Hiawatha Newspapers Consolidate.

Hiawatha, Kan., July 12.—The Kansas Democrat and the Hiawatha News have been consolidated and hereafter the two papers will be issued as the Kansas News-Democrat. F. M. Pearl, owner, having bought the News of H. N. Hovey & Son. The business men brought about the consolidation by insisting that the town needed only two newspapers, favoring

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## RADFORD IS SUED.

Former State Grain Inspector Charged With Shortage.

Is Asked by Attorney General to Make Good Sum Involved.

ACTION FOR \$9,442.40

Civil Suit Was Brought in Wyandotte County Court.

Bond Company For Radford Made Codefendant.

Kansas City, Kan., July 12.—Fred S. Jackson, attorney general of Kansas, has filed suit in the district court of Wyandotte county against John H. Radford, former state grain inspector, for the recovery of \$9,442.40, which he alleges Mr. Radford is short in the state grain funds.

Criminal charges are now pending against the former state grain inspector, but these charges involve only \$2,000. The preliminary trial on the first six counts of the embezzlement charges was begun last week in the north city court of Kansas City, Kan.

Civil Action Contains Three Counts. The civil action instituted contains three counts. In the first count it is alleged that Mr. Radford misappropriated \$2,524.95 between May 1, 1908, and May 1, 1909. The second count charges that he embezzled \$3,359.35 from May 1, 1905, to May 1, 1907. The last count alleges that \$3,558.20 is missing from May 1, 1907, to May 1, 1909. Besides a recovery on the given counts, the state asks 6 per cent interest on the funds, which brings the total amount up to \$9,442.40.

The United States Fidelity and Guarantee company, which bonded Mr. Radford, is made a codefendant. The suit is an attachment proceeding, and the Kansas Trust company filed an indemnity bond in the sum of \$20,000 in behalf of the state.

Three weeks ago the attorney general announced that the former state grain inspector was short about \$10,000 in his accounts with the state. At first it was reported that the shortage amounted to \$26,000. Mr. Jackson states that additional criminal charges will be filed against Radford as rapidly as alleged shortages were discovered.

LIGHTNING BROKE MAN'S LEG.

Electric Storm Played Many Quips Franks at Chanute.

Chanute, Kan., July 12.—Four men were shocked by lightning in a terrific thunderstorm here. Archie Summers, nine miles northwest, was thrown out of bed and the bolt struck him in one leg broken, although the skin is unmarked.

Folkman W. M. Mayers was thrown out of bed and the bolt struck him in the arm, tore the paper off the walls. John Crane and his son of Barton were shocked by lightning, which killed a mare in the barn where they took shelter from the rain. Two head of cattle belonging to James Dulin were killed.

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the continuance of the Democrat, the Democratic paper, and the Daily and Weekly World, the Republican paper.

WHEAT DRIFTED ON RAILS.

Fields in Central Kansas Ruined by Heavy Rains.

Abilene, Kan., July 12.—The heavy rain six years has fallen in north Dickinson county, eight inches of water falling at Talmage. At Abilene the fall was four inches. The creeks were bankful, but no overflows occurred, and the south part of the county had only a light rain.

East of the city the low wheat fields were flooded and bundles of wheat are heaped against wire fences. The water flowed over the Union Pacific tracks and section men had to clear wheat drifts away for the night trains. The harvest is delayed for several days and many farmers have a large acreage yet to be cut. The Smoky Hill river is up eight feet, but is yet seven feet below the danger line. Dykes that the farmers built east of town to protect their fields were overtopped by the water from the hills.

## BURLIARS AT NATOMA.

Two Men Attempt to Enter Home of Henry Meyers.

Natomas, Kan., July 12.—On last Friday night about 12 o'clock two men attempted to break in Henry Meyers' house in the east part of town. Mrs. Meyers being up with a sick child, asked them what they wanted. They said they wanted in. She refused to open the door and they said, if you don't open the door we will break in. She then rushed to the telephone and gave the alarm.

The ruffians were at the time trying to break in the door. Mrs. Meyers then went to a window and called to a neighbor who came with a shotgun and the men fled. No arrests have been made, but the local authorities have a good clew of the guilty ones. A couple of outriders have been placed on guard at night to guard the town.

TIED OF MUD CROSSINGS.

Horton City Council in Favor of Municipal Improvements.

Horton, Kan., July 12.—The city council has ordered fifty new crossings to be put in the next rainy days. The discussion as to whether they should be of brick or cement was

threwed out at a recent meeting of the council.

Brick was decided upon, but later some of the members of the council recanted and now some of them want cement. The crossings are badly needed, but the people would rather have them made of cement than brick.

SHOT FROM MAYOR FRIZELL.

Pawnee County Has Furnished Work for 2,000 Harvesters.

Larned, Kan., July 12.—E. E. Frizell, mayor of Larned has written the following letter which is self-explanatory:

I noticed an article in several papers which appears to be from the State Free Employment bureau of Topeka, Kan. I desire to say that for several years the State Free Employment bureau has done everything in its power to prevent and interfere in our getting sufficient men to help with our harvest. They have furnished us no help for several years past, nor have they furnished us any this year.

We have several public spirited business men in Larned, who pay and bear their own expense of advertising for harvest hands and in many cases pay the fare of the men from Kansas City, Topeka, Newton and Emporia; so far this year we have gotten most of our help by advertising only two of us have been compelled to make a trip in search of help.

We have received in all about 2,000 harvest hands and have found employment for all who actually wanted to work.

Among the 2,000 men who came to Larned, there have been a few deadbeats, bootleggers and gamblers who would not work at any price, and several occasions when we were short on help, they tried to regulate the wages of others. We advertised \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day, in all the papers, and have furnished sufficient work for every man who has come to work. There has never been a time in the past fifteen years, when we needed help so badly as we did this year.

I desire to say that the statement of the labor bureau is false and untrue in every respect. The people that have gone back from Pawnee county, condemning it, was the class that was ordered out of town. So far as the employment bureau is concerned, will say: Larned desires no help from the State Free Employment bureau, and that we will take care of getting our harvest hands, in the future as we have in the past.

So far we have succeeded in managing our own affairs very nicely without the assistance of any broken down politicians and without the assistance of anyone connected with the State Free Employment bureau.

CREAMERY UNDER HAMMER.

Big Arkansas City Institution to Be Disposed of at Public Sale.

Wichita, Kan., July 12.—At a meeting of the receivers of the Wells Produce company of Arkansas City, which week into bankruptcy last November, it was decided to sell the property of the insolvent firm at public sale this afternoon.

The property consists of the creamery building, its machinery, poultry building and cold storage plant. The appraised value is \$30,000. The claims have been filed and the reference in bankruptcy amount to \$140,000. The largest claim against the defunct company is made by the Citizens' and Farmers' State bank.

COTTONWOOD OUT OF BANKS.

Rock Island and Santa Fe Tracks Washed Out Near Marion.

Marion, Kan., July 12.—The Cottonwood river here is swollen by the heavy rains of the past few days, is out of its banks and much damage has been done.

Several hundred feet of Rock Island track is washed out and trains for Fort Worth have to be detoured to Hutchinson, then over the Santa Fe through Newton to Wichita.

The Santa Fe track was also damaged at Marion, but will be repaired for use again immediately.

WILL DEDICATE NEW BRIDGE.

Wichita and Sedgewick County to Celebrate Event Today.

Wichita, Kan., July 12.—Wichita and Sedgewick county will celebrate the completion of the new concrete arch bridge over the Arkansas river at this place tonight. The bridge cost \$88,000 and is the finest structure of its kind in the state.

The celebration will be held on the bridge at night, which will be especially illuminated. It promises to be one of the greatest events ever held in the city.

Four Brothers Held on Murder Charge.

Las Vegas, N. M., July 12.—Dan, George, Homer and Joe Jamison, brothers, all of whom are charged

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there for four months in making surveys in connection with the land defense project about the city.

PAPER MILL TO BE ENLARGED.

Capacity of Lawrence Institution to Be Increased 25 Per Cent.

Lawrence, Kan., July 12.—J. D. Bowersock has announced that the paper mill company has made plans for enlarging their factory here, the enlargement to be made about August 1.

The egg case factory is to be moved out of its present quarters and moved to a building on the north side of the track. The corrugated department of the paper mill is then to have the enlarged building, which has been ordered, taking the quarters formerly occupied by the egg case factory.

This will give the factory much more room and with the addition of new machinery, which has been ordered, the output of the factory from the corrugated department will be increased more than 25 per cent.

WIND AND RAIN AT SALINA.

Hard Storm Greatly Damaged Wheat and Growing Corn.

Salina, Kan., July 12.—A heavy wind and rain storm in this county and several adjoining counties did great damage to the corn crop. In the fields that were advanced the stalks were snapped off at the roots.

Where the corn has been scattered all over the country. Trees were blown down and hundreds of branches fell the sever. Telephone wires are down on all lines and the electric light wires are disabled.

The storm caused a fire at the electric light plant in Salina and several hundred dollars' damage was done.

Van Houten Denies Sale of Coal Bonds.

Las Vegas, N. M., July 12.—Vice President and General Manager J. Van Houten of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific Railroad company, and allied interests, has entered a vigorous denial to the story emanating from Denver a few days ago that there are negotiations pending for the sale of this railroad or any of its valuable coal properties in New Mexico.

Holton Gets Independent Toll Line.

Holton, Kan., July 12.—Holton is now connected with the outside world by a new mutual telephone company which promises much for the city. The new independent company will operate local and toll lines reach every important city in this and adjacent states.

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Will Plan Land Defense for Frisco.

Leavenworth, Kan., July 12.—A detachment of sixty picked men from the Third Battalion of Engineers, Fort Leavenworth, under command of Captain G. R. Lukesh, have started for San Francisco. They will be engaged